

## THE CLAIMS:

1. A process for the production of nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cells which includes providing a porcine oocyte at the Metaphase II stage of development from which the  
5 nucleus is removed, transferring a porcine karyoplast at the G0 or G1 state into the oocyte to give a nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cell and optionally culturing the nuclear transferred cell *in vitro* to allow one or more cell divisions to give a plurality of nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cells.
- 10 2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cell or plurality of cells, such as a 2 to 32 cell mass, is synchronized at the G0 or G1 state, isolating a nuclear transferred karyoplast therefrom, and transferring said karyoplast into a second enucleated oocyte at the Metaphase II stage of development or to an enucleated  
15 zygote, or later stage embryo or embryonic cell to give a second nuclear transferred cell, which may be cultured *in vitro* to allow one or more cell divisions to give a plurality of nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cells.
3. A process according to claim 2 wherein the nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cell or  
20 plurality of cells is treated with an agent which prevents cell division but not nuclear division, such that a karyoplast isolated therefrom is derived from a cell possessing multiple nuclei.
4. A process for the production of porcine embryonic cells wherein the method of claim 3  
25 is repeated a plurality of times.
5. A process for the clonal generation or propagation of pigs which process includes providing a porcine oocyte at the Metaphase II stage of development from which the nucleus is removed, transferring a porcine donor karyoplast at the G0 or G1 state into the oocyte to give a nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cell, and thereafter culturing the

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- nuclear transferred cell *in vitro* to allow one or more cell divisions to give a plurality of nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cells, and thereafter transferring a plurality of porcine embryonic cells so produced into a pregnancy competent uterus of a female pig which at conclusion of the pregnancy term gives rise to one or more genetically identical off-spring.
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6. A process according to claim 1 wherein a karyoplast is synchronized at the G1 state by use of DNA synthesis inhibitor and/or a microtubule inhibitor and/or use of means which do not involve serum starvation of cells.
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7. A process according to claim 1 wherein a karyoplast is synchronized at the G0 state by nutrient deprivation or chemical treatment.
8. A process according to any of claims 1 to 5 in which the karyoplast is genetically altered or modified.
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9. A process according to claim 6 where microtubule inhibition is achieved by the application of nocodazole.
- 20 10. A process according to claim 1 wherein karyoplast synchronization at G1 is achieved by the application of aphidicolin.
11. A process according to any of claims 1 to 11 wherein the porcine karyoplast at the G0/G1 state is fused and activated in an enucleated porcine oocyte at the Metaphase II stage of development by application of multiple electrical pulses spaced in their order of
- 25 application, or by other means of generating multiple transient increases in intracellular Ca levels.

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12. A process according to claim 11 wherein from 1 to 6 pulses are delivered at an interval between each pulse of from one minute to sixty minutes.
13. A process according to claim 12 wherein pulses are applied at a thirty minute interval.
- 5 14. A method according to claim 11 wherein each pulse is a set of pulses of 2 to 4 pulses, spaced from each other by 1 to 20 seconds.
- 10 15. Porcine embryonic cells or cloned pigs when produced according to a process comprising or including a process as defined in any preceding claim.
16. Progeny of a pig according to claim 15.
17. A cloned pig produced from a nuclear transferred porcine embryonic cell.
- 15 18. Use of cloned pigs in agriculture, for organ production, or oocyte and embryo production.